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	09/914,429	SATOH ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 March 2004.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 11-14 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 1-10 and 15-21 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 29 August 2001 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____. |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____. | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Applicants' amendment to 09/914,429 has been examined. Claims 1-21 are amended.

Claims 1-21 are pending.

1. Applicants' amendment is persuasive. However, existing claim objections preclude allowance.

Specification

2. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: In the specification "logic integrated circuit" should be - -integrated logic circuit-. Although Applicants are entitled to be their own lexicographer, "integrated logic circuit" is a term of art in circuit design.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Objections

3. Claims 1, 8-10, 21, 15, 16, 21 are objected to because of the following informalities: Pursuant to claim 1, at line 9, change "compare" to - -compares-. Pursuant to claims 8-10 and 21, change "logic integrated circuit" to --an integrated logic circuit-. Pursuant to claim 15, at line 2, delete "into"; additionally, it is unclear what the hardware description language is being converted to. Pursuant to claim 16, at line 2, change "in" to - -by- -. Pursuant to claim 21, at line 7, delete "designated"; additionally, at line 4, insert where the address signal is inputted, e.g. *inputted to said self-construction circuit*. Claims dependent from claims objected, supra, are included in this objection. Appropriate correction is required.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 11-14 are allowed.
5. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The prior art (prior to 03/1999) does not teach a self-construction circuit that stores a newly assigned logic function that is represented in a hardware description language.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Please reference the PTO-892 for a complete listing.
7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications should be directed to Examiner A.M. Thompson whose telephone number is (571) 272-1909. The Examiner can usually be reached Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.. If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Matthew S. Smith, can be reached on (571) 272-1907.

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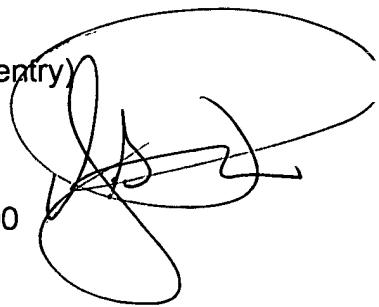
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